

North Coast Plan
Implementation Monitoring
Committee

2006-2007 Annual Report

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1.0 Introduction

The NC Plan Implementation Monitoring Committee (NC PIMC) was established as announced in the land use decisions on February 2006 and as an outcome of the government-to-government agreements.

The purpose of the NC PIMC is to monitor and report progress toward implementation of the land use plan and make recommendations on plan revisions to Provincial and First Nation governments through the Land and Resource Forums (LRFs).

The LRFs are committees composed of First Nations and Provincial Government representatives that make recommendations to the Provincial and First Nations governments on the further development of EBM and implementation of the land use plan.

The NC PIMC also works with the EBM Working Group (EBM WG). The purpose of the EBM WG is to develop recommendations on EBM research priorities and on the application of research results to the implementation of EBM, oversee research related to uncertainties or knowledge gaps in EBM implementation and coordinate and manage data.

The NC PIMC is focussed on providing a balanced approach to integrating human well being and ecological integrity in monitoring and evaluating plan implementation and give full consideration to the best available relevant knowledge. This includes knowledge from their sector, from multiple disciplines (natural, social and economic sciences) and expertise from scientific, technical, local and traditional ecological sources. The NC PIMC can access additional knowledge through the EBM WG.

2.0 Purpose of the NC PIMC

The NC PIMC will specifically monitor the concurrent achievement of ecological integrity and human well being in the implementation of the land use plan in the NC plan area. The NC PIMC will:

- 1) Monitor and evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the land use plan by:
 - Participating directly in the monitoring and evaluation process;
 - Reviewing and providing feedback on monitoring reports; and
 - Working in collaboration with the LRFs and the EBM WG as appropriate.
- 2) Advise the Province and First Nations through the LRFs on implementation strategies, revisions and issue resolution after assessing implications for ecosystems and human well being by:
 - Recommending how to resolve outstanding land use issues;

- Providing feedback on any proposed amendments to the plan and resulting classification (minor refinement or significant revision);
- Providing feedback on critical implementation projects and issues (e.g. establishment of legal objectives);
- Recommending how commercially viable activities can be pursued using EBM to achieve ecological integrity and human well being;
- Providing information to the public and consult with the public through appropriate mechanisms during implementation, review and revision;
- Providing recommendations to the LRFs on aspects of regional and sub-regional land use plans that should be revised; and
- Providing recommendations to the LRFs on the content of amended plans that result from plan review/revision processes.

Note: EBM, EBM land use objectives, the Decision, Agreements and Protocols will hereinafter collectively be referred to as the land use plan.

3.0 Overview of NC PIMC Achievements in Fiscal Year 2006-2007

The NC PIMC had its inaugural meeting on September 20th and 21st, 2006 in Prince Rupert. In total, there were 3 (September, December and March) meetings held in the fiscal year.

During FY06/07, the NC PIMC finalized its TOR and membership, discussed its role as outlined in the TOR, and became comfortable and familiar with its responsibilities in terms of monitoring implementation of the land use plan.

The NC PIMC laid a significant foundation for the formation of its workplan and established a good working relationship with the EBMWG, providing feedback to the interim Director on the EBMWG's projects. The NC PIMC received updates on the EBM WG at every meeting

The NC PIMC has a strong interest in socioeconomic projects and engaged in preliminary discussions with respect to forming a joint subcommittee with the NC PIMC members. The Joint Socioeconomic Committee, with a key role played by local government, will be addressing socioeconomic issues in the plan area. The NC PIMC has reviewed and discussed the roles and responsibilities of government agencies in implementing the land use decision and monitoring for effectiveness. The NC PIMC received updates as to the progress of the line agencies' projects at all of its meetings. In addition to line agencies' roles, the NC PIMC also discussed the role and activities of non-governmental bodies in implementation and monitoring, such as the CFCI¹.

¹ CFCI is the Coast Forest Conservation Initiative and consists of five forestry companies; British Columbia Timber Sales (BCTS), Canadian Forest Products (Canfor), Catalyst Paper, International Forest Products (Interfor) and Western Forest Products (WFP).

4.0 Membership and Meeting Summaries

Between September 2006 and March 31, 2007, the NC PIMC consisted of the following members representing their sectors:

Member	Affiliation
Des Shearing	Small Business Forestry
Ron Bedard	District of Port Edward, Local Government
Gord Howie	City of Prince Rupert, Local Government
Karl Bergman	Skeena-Queen Charlotte Islands Regional District
Neil Philcox ²	Conservation
Bruce McKnight	Mineral Exploration & Mining
Darol Smith, Chair	Labour
George Hayes	Community Economic Development
Paul Bull	Outdoor Recreation
Tavis MacDonald	Major Forestry Companies
Brian Clive	Tourism
Clifford White	Gitxaala First Nation
Alex Lowe	Kitsumkalum First Nation
Henry Moore	Nisga'a Lisims Government
Barb Petzelt/ Harold Leighton	Metlakatla First Nation
Brian Fuhr	Program Manager, ILMB
Gord McGee	Assistant Program Manager, ILMB

The NC PIMC met 3 times between September 2006 and March 2007. At these meetings, the NC PIMC received updates from the LRFs, the EBMWG and ILMB on the implementation tasks that were underway or completed during FY06/07.

At the September 2006 meeting, the NC PIMC and CC PIMC attended a joint session where the members received a detailed briefing on the events that had occurred since the LRMP tables concluded their deliberations and presented recommendations to governments. This session addressed PIMC members' questions about the land use decision and the next steps for implementing that decision in the plan area. Members also discussed the innovative governance structure, of which the PIMCs are an integral component. Members committed to working together in a collaborative manner to achieve common land use and socioeconomic goals on the Coast.

The following table summarizes the discussion and action items from the NC PIMC meetings in FY06/07.

Meeting Date and Location	Summary of Issues discussed
September 21, 2006, Prince Rupert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TOR reviewed, some edits suggested and later incorporated

² Neil Philcox replaced Tom Green as the RSP representative in March, 2007

Meeting Date and Location	Summary of Issues discussed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIMC documents will be posted to a website for public viewing • Communication with communities will be a key role of the NC PIMC • Socioeconomics are a key interest for the NC PIMC • Amalgamating with the CCPIMC was discussed
<p>December 5, 2006, Richmond</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darol Smith elected as NC PIMC Chair • PIMC decided future meetings to be held in NCPIMC region • Discussion of expanding local government representatives from 1 to 3 • EBMWG update on its key project areas: 1) Adaptive Management; 2) Inventories; 3) Socioeconomic baseline; 4) Workshop on Site Series Surrogates • Implementation website is established; NC PIMC will advertise its meetings locally and continue to liaise with implementation partners • Draft CC legal objectives were discussed and members were encouraged to submit comments from their individual sectors • Discussion of government agencies' roles and responsibilities for implementation and monitoring • No net job loss update and socioeconomics discussion • Initial workplan brainstorm and discussion
<p>March 21, 2007, Prince Rupert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC PIMC received summary of public comments on CC legal objectives • NC PIMC received an LRF update • PIMC reviewed LRF and Coast Land Use Decision draft workplans • Interim EBMWG Director attended and provided update on WG activities • NC PIMC will review the EBMWG workplan and final consultant reports and provide feedback • CC and NC PIMC to form joint subcommittee on socioeconomics • Socioeconomics presentation from Ralph Matthews • Presentation from MFR and MOE on implementation projects underway and complete • Members reviewed and discussed Cost Benefit Analysis of NC PIMC meeting structure • Discussion of government agencies' roles • Continued discussion on workplan.

5.0 Documents submitted to the NC PIMC

The NC PIMC received a copy of the February 28, 2007 Symmetree report entitled “Implementation Monitoring of EBM in the North Coast” which was prepared for the CFCI. No comments were provided on the report.

During this fiscal year, the NC PIMC was also provided with numerous documents and information pertaining to the North Coast, including: harvest volume information for the Central and North Coast from 1996 to 2005; a summary of the public comments received on the draft CC legal objectives; the draft Transitional Implementation Plan and draft vision of full EBM implementation; various media releases issued by MFR, MOE and the Province related to the land use decision; ongoing updates on the progress of DSPs.

6.0 Summary of NC PIMC Recommendations and Decisions

At the March 2007 NC PIMC meeting, members agreed that there is a need for ‘general umbrella funding’ to support efforts to achieve all of the implementation targets on time. Therefore, the NC PIMC and CC PIMC, through the Chairs, jointly wrote a letter to Minister Bell requesting the Province secure funding for implementation and monitoring activities at least until March 31, 2009.

The NC PIMC members provided specific feedback to the Interim Director of the EBMWG at the March 2007 meeting. The NC PIMC recommended that the WG should not conduct detailed research on operational training as this fits better with the PIMC’s role. NC PIMC members recommended close collaboration and information sharing between the PIMC and WG on all socioeconomic issues. The NC PIMC will receive copies of all reports prepared for the WG and will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the consultant and WG recommendations to the LRFs. The NC PIMC agreed to delegate members to represent the PIMC at future WG workshops and report back to the PIMC on the proceedings.

7.0 Budget

Since this was the formative year for the NC PIMC, there was no workplan for this fiscal year and no operational budget was requested or allocated. The meeting expenses were covered by ILMB and members were paid for expenses incurred to attend meetings.

Appendix One: List of NC PIMC Action Items for FY06/07:

<i>NC PIMC Action Items (FY 06/07)</i>	<i>Status</i>
<i>September 21st, 2006</i>	
PIMC to Review Schedule C for discussion at next meeting.	Completed
PIMC to review amended Terms of Reference and sign-off if they are acceptable to the members.	Completed
PIMC to discuss and decide upon a Communications Strategy for PIMC business and include in the work plan when completed.	Completed
Program Manager to discuss idea of having co-Chairs with the LRF and report back at the next meeting.	Completed
<i>December 5th, 2006</i>	
Members are to prepare budget reports for expected expenses and submit to the Program Manager.	Completed
Program manager to set tentative dates for upcoming meetings and circulate to members for review and comment.	Completed
Gord to amend TOR to reflect up to 3 local government seats	Completed
An ad for meetings will be placed in the local newspaper of the community in which the meeting is held for one day during the week preceding each meeting date	ongoing
Program Managers to check with the Province's Communications branch to explore ways of promoting/ advertising EBM to develop new economy on the Coast.	Completed
Members who have promotional documents for raising awareness and support for EBM to send the information to Dorthe.	Completed
Darol to prepare promotional DVD on EBM practices	Postponed
Dorthe/ Gord to investigate what promotional items can be placed on ILMB website	Ongoing
Darol, as Chair, to approach Co-Chairs of EBM WG and request that he be a member of the WG's socio-economic subcommittee.	Completed
Darol, Tavis, Tom and Janet to form a subcommittee to discuss socio-economic issues and provide comments and recommendations back to the entire PIMC	Completed
Staff to conduct a Cost-Benefit Analysis to assess the issues of holding separate PIMC meetings for NC and CC versus holding meetings back	Completed
The PIMC will be provided with background information on the timber supply analysis that was done on the coast.	Completed
Janet to inform Darol of date for the rescheduled meeting with the Chief Forester.	Completed
Gord to edit brainstormed tasks and send out for tasks prioritization by PIMC	Ongoing

<i>NC PIMC Action Items (FY 06/07)</i>	<i>Status</i>
Gord to create draft work plan with comments from task prioritization exercise, for distribution to PIMC	Ongoing
ILMB to prepare information on what line agencies are doing in terms of monitoring implementation on the North Coast in the form of a spreadsheet report	Completed
<i>March 21st, 2007</i>	
Darol to coordinate formation of joint social and economic sub-committee	Completed
Gord to follow up with Henry Moore regarding having next meeting in New Aiyansh	Completed
The PIMC will be provided with background information on the timber supply analysis that was done on the coast.	Completed
Gord, Neil, Des, Darol to prepare workplan for review and comment by PIMC by email in may and to take to EBMWG workshop on Adaptive Monitoring Framework	Completed